

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 remain pending in this application. Claims 1-9 and 13 are allowed. Claims 10-12 are objected to.

Claims 10-12 have been objected to for having a multiple dependent claim depend from a multiple dependent claim. The Office Action states that claims 10-12 have not been further treated on the merits.

On January 29, 2007, Applicants' attorney spoke with the Examiner regarding the multiple dependencies mentioned in the Office Action. Applicants' attorney informed the Examiner that the multiple dependencies were removed with a Preliminary Amendment. The Examiner agreed with Applicants' attorney and requested that a formal response to the Office Action be filed explaining that the claims that were reviewed were those as originally filed and not those of the Preliminary Amendment. Thus, Applicants submit this Response to Office Action as requested by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request that the objection of claims 10-12 be withdrawn.

The USPTO is hereby authorized to charge any fee(s) or fee(s) deficiency or credit any excess payment to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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